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VIOLATION OF POLLUTION NORMS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industries including edible oil industries are violating pollution and environment norms and causing pollution in the country including in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken / proposed to be taken by the Government against these industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified 17 categories of highly polluting industries for prioritising actions for pollution control. A total number of 2715 units have been identified under these 17 categories out of which 296 are defaulting, 479 are closed and 1940 have set up pollution control facilities. The State-wise details of these 17 categories of highly polluting industries are given at Annexure.

The concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) have taken action against the defaulting industries (296), which includes revocation of consent, issue of directions under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981.

Edible Oil industries do not fall under the 17 categories of highly polluting industries. As reported by CPCB, there are 725 units of Edible Oil and Vanaspati in the country. In the State of Madhya Pradesh, 55 Edible Oil and Vanaspati units have obtained consent from the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MPPCB). The Edible Oil industries are seasonal in nature. All Edible Oil industries in Madhya Pradesh have installed effluent treatment plants of adequate capacity and the treated wastewater is being utilized in cooling, horticulture, coal ash quenching etc. The Edible Oil industries of the State are, therefore, not found violating the prescribed norms and are not causing pollution as such. These industries are being monitored regularly by MPPCB and necessary guidance and directions are given as and when required.